

CHAPTER 5: CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

INTRODUCTION

In addition to this EIS, other factors and consultations are considered and play a major role in determining the decision on this proposed lease application. These include the following.

Regional Coal Team Consultation

The West Hay Creek coal lease application was reviewed and discussed at the October 25, 2000 PRRCT public meeting in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Triton Coal Company presented information about its existing mine and pending lease application at that meeting. Voting and nonvoting members of the PRRCT include the governors of Wyoming and Montana, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, the Crow Tribal Council, the USFS, OSM, FWS, National Park Service, and USGS. The PRRCT determined that the lands in the application met the qualifications for processing as production maintenance tracts. The PRRCT recommended that the BLM continue to process the WHC lease application.

Governor's Consultation

The BLM Wyoming State Director notified the Governor of Wyoming on October 3, 2000 that Triton had filed a lease application with BLM for the West Hay Creek LBA tract.

Public Notice

A notice announcing the receipt of the TCC coal lease application was published in the *Federal Register* on September 12, 2000. BLM published a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Scoping in the *Federal Register* on June 25, 2002.

A public scoping meeting was held on June 26, 2002 in Gillette, Wyoming. At the public meeting, Triton personnel orally presented information about their mine and their need for the coal. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period, during which one oral comment was received. The scoping period extended from June 1 through July 31, 2002 during which time BLM received six written comments.

The EPA will publish a Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register* for the DEIS. The BLM will publish a Notice of Availability and Notice of Public Hearing in the *Federal Register* for the DEIS. There will be a 60-day comment period on the DEIS. A formal public hearing will be held during the 60-day comment period to solicit public comments on the DEIS and on the fair market value, the maximum economic

recovery, and the proposed competitive sale of coal from the LBA tract. Following the comment period on the DEIS, the FEIS will be prepared. Comments received from the public, state and federal review agencies on the DEIS will be included in the FEIS. Parties on the distribution list will be sent copies of the FEIS when it is completed, and the EPA and BLM will publish a Notice of Availability for the FEIS. After a 30-day availability period, BLM will make a separate decision to hold or not to hold a competitive lease sale for this tract. A separate record of decision (ROD) will be signed for each of the tracts. Copies of each ROD will be mailed to parties on the mailing list and others who commented on this LBA during the NEPA process. After each ROD is signed, there will be a 30-day appeal period before the ROD is implemented.

Department of Justice Consultation

After each competitive coal lease sale, but before the lease is issued, BLM will solicit the opinion of the DOJ on whether the planned lease issuance creates a situation inconsistent with federal anti-trust laws. The Department of Justice is allowed 30 days to make this determination. If the DOJ has not responded in writing within the 30 days, BLM can proceed with issuance of the lease.

Other Consultations

Other federal, state, and local governmental agencies that were directly consulted in preparation of this EIS are listed in Table 5-1.

List of Preparers

Environmental Solutions, Inc. (ESI), a third party contractor under the direction of the BLM prepared this EIS. Representatives from cooperating agencies contributed to and participated in the NEPA process. Tables 5-2 and 5-3 provide listings of the BLM, USFS, and OSM interdisciplinary team and the third-party consultant personnel who prepared and reviewed this EIS.

Distribution List

This EIS was distributed to numerous Congressional offices, federal agencies, state governments, local governments, industry representatives, interest groups, and individuals for their review and comment (table 5-4).

TABLE 5-1
OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES
CONSULTED IN EIS PREPARATION

Agency or Organization	Individual	Position
Powder River Regional Coal Team	5 Voting Members and 21 Nonvoting Members	
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Air Quality Division	Bernard Daily	Program Manager for New Source Review Program
	Judy Shamley	Sr. Analyst
Land Quality Division	Donald McKenzie	District III Supervisor
	Doug Emme	Engineer
Wyoming Department of Administration and Information	Wayne Liu	Division of Economic Analysis, Senior Economist
Wyoming Department of Revenue	Allen Black	Ad Valorem Tax Division, Administrator
	Randy Bolles	Mineral Tax Division, Administrator
Wyoming Employment Center	Betsy Hockert	Analyst
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TABLE 5-2
LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS AND REVIEWERS

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Tim Nowak	Archeology
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BLM National Science and Technology Center	
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	PhD. Environmental Health Engineering 30 years professional experience	Air Quality Impact Assessment
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TABLE 5-4
BLM DISTRIBUTION LIST FOR COAL LEASING

Federal & State Officials	
Governor of Wyoming Dave Freudenthal	Governor of Montana Judy Martz
U.S. Senator Mike Enzi	U.S. Representative Barbara Cubin
U.S. Senator Craig Thomas	Wyoming Representative Deborah Alden
Wyoming Representative Dave Edwards	Wyoming Senator Dick Erb
Wyoming Senator John Hines	Wyoming Representative Jene Jansen
Wyoming Representative Frank Latta	Wyoming Representative George McMurtry
Wyoming Representative Douglas Osborn	Wyoming Rep. Jeff Wasserburger
Wyoming Representative Deborah Alden	Wyoming Senator Jim Anderson
Wyoming Senator John Schiffer	
Federal Agencies	
BLM Washington Office	BLM Casper Field Office
BLM Buffalo Field Office	BLM Powder River Field Office
BLM Montana State Office	Bureau of Indian Affairs (multiple offices)
BLM Wyoming State Office	Department of Energy
Bureau of Reclamation	Federal Highway Administration
EPA Region VIII	Mineral Management Service
HQ-USAF/CEVP	National Park Service, Air Resources Div.
National Park Service, Washington Office	Office of Surface Mining, Washington D.C.
Devils Tower National Monument	OSM, Casper Office
OSM, Western Regional Coordinating Ctr.	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USDI Rocky Mountain Regional Solicitor	USFWS, Cheyenne, WY
USFWS, Washington, D.C.	USGS, Denver Federal Ctr.
U.S. Geological Survey, Reston, Virginia	USDA Forest Service, Washington, D.C.
USGS, Water Resource Div.	USDA Forest Service, Douglas Ranger Dist.
USDA Forest Service Rocky Mtn. Region	USDA Forest Service, Med. Bow Nat. Forest
State Agencies	
Montana Office of the Governor	Wyoming Clearinghouse Coordinator
WY Employment/Research/Planning Dept.	Wyoming Dept. of Environmental Quality--
	Land Quality & Air Quality Divisions
Wyoming Office of Federal Land Policy	Wyoming Div. of Economic Analysis
Wyoming Parks & Cultural Res. Dept.	Wyoming Oil and Gas Cons. Comm.
Wyoming Department of Transportation	Wyoming State Engineer's Office
Wyoming Game & Fish Department	Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office
Wyoming Department of Agriculture	Wyoming Business Council
Wyoming Public Service Commission	Wyoming Industrial Siting Division
Wyoming State Inspector of Mines	Wyoming State Geological Survey
	Wyoming Water Development Commission
Local Agencies and Government	
Big Horn County, Montana Planning Board	Campbell County, Wyoming Commission
Campbell Cty, WY School Superintendent	City of Gillette, Wyoming
Rosebud County, Montana Commission	Powder River County, Montana
Weston County, Wyoming Commission	Town of Wright, Wyoming

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Tribal Organizations and Individuals	
Arapahoe Business Council	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
C'Hair, William	Crow Tribal Council
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe	E. Shoshone Tribal Attorney
E. Shoshone Spiritual Leader	Long Sioux, Clifford
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe	N. Arapaho Historian
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	N. Cheyenne Tribal Council
N. Cheyenne Cultural Committee	Oglala Sioux Tribal Administration
N. Cheyenne Tribe	Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Oglala Sioux Tribal Council	Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council
S. Cheyenne/S. Arapaho Tribes	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Shoshone Business Council	Standing Rock Sioux Agency
Organizations	
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	Campbell County Economic Dev. Corp.
Cheyenne Audubon Society	Foundation for N. American Wild Sheep
Friends of the Bow/Biodiversity Assoc.	Izaak Walton League of America
Medicine Wheel Coalition	Murie Audubon Society
National Mining Association	National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources Defense Council	Petroleum Association of Wyoming
Powder River Basin Resource Council	Sierra Club (Sheridan, Wyoming)
The Fund for Animals	The Nature Conservancy
Wildlife Management Institute	WY Assoc of Professional Archeologists
Wyoming Bankers Association	Wyoming Business Alliance
Wyoming Geological Association	Wyoming Mining Association
Wyoming Outdoor Council	Wyoming Stock Growers Association
Wyoming Wildlife Federation	Wyoming Wool Growers Association
Companies/Businesses	
American Colloid Company	Antelope Coal Company
Ark Land Company	Arnjac
Belle Ayr Mine	Bjork, Lindley, Danielson & Baker, P.C.
Bridgeview Coal Company	Buckskin Mine
Burlington Northern Railroad Company	Burns & McDonnell
Caballo Coal Company	C.H. Snyder Company
CH2M Hill	CE&MT, Incorporated
Consol, Inc., Exploration & Land Dept	Cordero-Rojo Mine Complex
Decker Coal Company	Dry Fork Coal Company
Ducker, Montgomery, Lewis, & Aronstein	Eagle Butte Mine
ECC	ENCOAL
Environmental Solutions, Incorporated	Evergreen Enterprises
Foster-Wheeler Environmental	Glenrock Coal Company
Greystone	Independent Production Company
Independent Consultants Network	Jacobs Ranch Coal Corporation
Intermountain Resources	Kenneth R. Paulsen Consultants
Kennecott Energy Company	Kiewit Mining Company
Kfx Wyoming Incorporated	L.E. Peabody & Associates
KN Energy	Majestic Petroleum Operations, LLC
Marquiss Minerals Inc.	Marston & Marston
M&K Oil Company, Incorporated	McVehil-Monnett Associates, Inc.
McGraw-Hill	Meineadair Consultants

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Companies/Businesses (continued)	
Mine Engineers, Incorporated	Nerco Coal Company
Mining Associates of Wyoming	Norwest Mine Services
North Rochelle Mine	Pacificorp/Interwest Mining
P&M Coal Company	Poudre Environmental Consulting
PIC Technologies	Powder River Eagle Studies
Powder River Coal Company	RAG Coal West, Incorporated
Powder River Energy Corporation	Riverside Technology, Incorporated
Redstone Resources	San Juan Coal Company
Royal Gold Incorporated	The Rim Companies
Shea & Gardner	Thunder Basin Coalition
Thunder Basin Coal Company	TRC Environmental
Torch Energy	Triton Coal Company
TRC Mariah Associates Incorporated	U.S. West Communications
URS Greiner Woodward Clyde	Western Fuels Association
Western Energy Company	Williams Production RMT Company
Western Gas Resources	Wyodak Resources Dev. Corporation
WWC Engineering	Yates Petroleum Company
Press	
Casper Journal	Associated Press
Cheyenne-Wyoming Eagle	Casper Star Tribune
Gillette News-Record	Douglas Budget
Western Coal Newsletter	Rocky Mountain Oil Journal
Educational Institutions	
CSU, The Libraries	Northwestern Univ. Policy Research Inst.
UW Libraries, Coe Reference Department	
Individuals	
Antelope, Sr., Howard	Barbero, Ralph
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